

CLAIMS

Therefore, the following is claimed:

1 1. A method for improving communication of video data in a communication system
2 comprising the steps of:

3 associating a plurality of video data with a dominant image;

4 associating a plurality of video data with a background image;

5 allocating a first percentage of available data transmission capacity with the plurality of
6 video data associated with the dominant image;

7 allocating a second percentage of available data transmission capacity with the plurality
8 of video data associated with the background image, such that the plurality of video data
9 associated with the dominant image is transferred at a relatively higher data transmission rate
10 than the plurality of video data associated with the background image.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of increasing the redundancy
2 of the plurality of video data associated with the dominant image.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of concealing at least one
2 error of the video data associated with the background image by replacing data associated with
3 the at least one error with corresponding video data received at an earlier time.